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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Dr. Debevoise	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
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	CIA (Chairman)

2. It was explained that personnel not members of OIR, G-2, ONI, and Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, require clearance by the Inspection and Security Staff (I & SS), CIA, before being permitted to do business in CIA. This means that members of departmental components other than the intelligence agencies themselves must receive clearance from I & SS before visiting D/NIS for working-level conferences or for attendance at NIS Committee meetings. D/NIS has compiled a list of such personnel already known and will submit it to I & SS with a request for continuing clearance of the personnel shown thereon. Agency members were requested to submit additional lists, each for his own department. D/NIS will then prepare a supplement list of personnel and submit it to I & SS for continuing clearance of the persons shown thereon. Should it be desired that visits be made to CIA by persons other than those who have received continuing clearance, NIS Committee members should, as far in advance of the desired date of visit as practicable, request D/NIS to obtain the necessary clearance.

3. The Standard Instructions for the Special NIS on Marine Climate and Oceanography were formally approved.

4. Agency requirements for copies of a list of NIS elements published or in process of publication as of 30 June 1950 were announced as follows:

AGENCY	NUMBER OF COPIES
State	85
Army	10
Navy	25
Air Force	35

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5. The Chairman reported on the present situation respecting Chapter VII (Scientific). The Assistant Director and key personnel of OSI have shown enthusiastic interest in Chapter VII and have received from members of D/NIS in several conferences indoctrination in the NIS Program in general and Chapter VII in particular. OSI will probably accept responsibility for preparation of Sections 70 (Introduction) and 73 (Atomic Energy) and furnish such support as practicable for preparation of the other sections.

At a meeting of the NIS Chapter VII Committee on 22 June 1950, the following decisions were taken:

a. In thirty days, the Chapter VII section subcommittees are to report to the NIS Chapter VII Committee on the following:

(1) Needed revisions of the Chapter VII outline and outline guide

(2) New information available for revision of already published Chapter VII of NIS 26 (USSR) and the nature of any such revision to be undertaken

(3) A list of countries of significance in the field of scientific research and development and indication of the order of importance of such countries

b. Effort is to be made to make membership of the Chapter VII section subcommittees as nearly as practicable the same as that of the corresponding subcommittees of the Scientific Intelligence Committee.

6. There were distributed to the members copies of proposed drafts of a memorandum of the Director of Central Intelligence to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, requesting that the Joint Chiefs of Staff direct the preparation of [redacted] by FECOM and of a suggested directive to FECOM. Members were requested to study these drafts and come prepared to discuss them at the next meeting. It was pointed out that the current situation in FECOM may be such as to render it inadvisable to implement this action at this time.

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7. The Chairman stated that some criticism has been received regarding published NIS that the dates shown on the material too greatly precede the dates of publication. In many instances this has been occasioned by the fact that D/NIS has returned material to contributors for correction and the contributors have retained the material for an undue length of time and then returned it to D/NIS without bringing the contributions up to date. The consensus was that when D/NIS returns a contribution for extensive revision,

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the contribution should be rescheduled and redone and the date line should be changed appropriately.

8. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 11 July 1950, at CIA.

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